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The Day of Pentecost
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Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am
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Prayer before worship: God, we thank and praise you for the gifts that you've given, not just the physical gifts, but especially the spiritual gifts. Thank you not only for the forgiveness, peace, and heaven that are ours through Jesus, but also for the talents and abilities you've blessed us with. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake, for the times we've used those gifts for our own self-interest. Thank you for sending your Spirit to give us faith in the forgiveness you won for us. Now help us to use the gifts you've given to help others, to expand your kingdom, and to your glory!

Order of Service: **6:30 pm & 8 am:** *Christian Worship The Service: Setting Two* page 172
9:30 am: *Christian Worship: Holy Baptism* page 151

OPENING

HYMN - 6:30 pm & 8 am *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* **CW585**

BAPTISMAL HYMN - 9:30 am *Christ Is with Me* **CW681**

CONFESSION

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LESSON

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men

and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 104

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

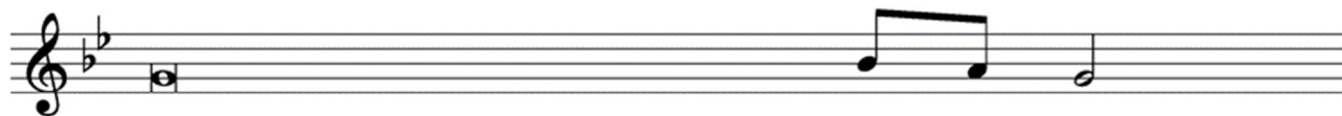
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful peo - ple,



and kindle in them the fire of your love.

GOSPEL**John 7:37–39**

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit* **CW898**

SERMON **1 Corinthians 12:3-11**
 Be A Regifter

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OFFERING *see announcement*

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Light Divine* **CW593**

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CLOSING HYMN *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* **CW586**

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGAN

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Pastor Jacob Behnken



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	2 pm	MVL Graduation Service
Mon		Memorial Day: Church office closed
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	6:30 pm	Softball Practice
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Fri	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Lincoln Park
Sat	8 am	Properties Meeting
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 4	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
Jun 5	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Jun 6	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
	6 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting at Lincoln Park
Jun 7	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
Jun 8	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	4:30 pm	75th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Jun 9	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Riverside Park
Jun 10	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 11	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	4 pm	Church Picnic at Hermann Heights Park
Jun 12	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting at New Ulm Community Center
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Jun 13	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 16	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Washington Park
Jun 17	6:30 pm	Service in the Park at German Park
Jun 18	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 531.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,210	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need		
\$1,230	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,537	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$20	Christian Family Solutions
\$444	Building Fund	\$10	Endowment Fund
\$10	Iris Boxes	\$5	LWMS

Baptized into God's Family ~ Eden Florence Gohl will enter God's covenant of grace through Holy Baptism at the 9:30 service this Sunday. May God keep her in this faith all of her life!

Church Softball League ~ Our St John's softball team had a great time last year playing in the inaugural season of the New Ulm church slow-pitch softball league. This year we're hoping more will join in the fun! The season runs from early June to early August. The games are played on Sunday evenings at Harman Park. A fee of \$10 for returning players and \$20 for new players will be collected to help pay for t-shirts, equipment and an end-of-season party. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! To fill out the survey scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/SJNUSB. There will be a practice on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 pm (place TBD). Contact Lisa Goeglein with questions at 507-217-7117 or ali3b2g@gmail.com.



Summer Fellowship in the Park ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them during the summer months for Christian fellowship in the park. We meet at 9 am at the listed park for free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729.

- Jun 2** **Lincoln Park:** 718 S. State St.
- Jun 9** **Riverside Park:** 101 S. Front St.
- Jun 16** **Washington Park:** 715 N. State St.
- Jun 23** **Harman Park:** 101 N. Garden St.
- Jun 30** **North Market Park:** 1414 N. German St.

Women of St. John's ~ Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 6 pm in Lincoln Park (weather permitting). If there is inclement weather we will meet in the church basement. Please join us for a picnic at an earlier time than usual. You will need to bring a sack lunch and lawn chair, but dessert and beverages will be provided. Join us for food, fellowship and fun.

75th Anniversary Meal Update ~ The 75th Anniversary meal will be held on Sunday, August 6th at 12 pm in the MLC gymnasium. We will be having a picnic type of meal with salads and desserts. There will be a brief program to follow the meal. Registration and payment for the meal will be held each Saturday and Sunday in June before and after services in the new narthex. The deadline for registration is June 25th. The cost of the meal is \$12.50 per person including children. We will accept cash or check payments. Exact change is appreciated. Please contact Denise Karstens if you have any questions at 507-766-5899.

Member Care ~ We have had a request for a need for some housecleaning, once every other week from now until the end of June. If you would be interested in helping one of our older members in this way, please email me at sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com or text or call me at 507-217-7604. Thank you!

Streamed Services and Church App Update ~ Beginning June 1st, St. John's streamed services will only be available through our St. John's YouTube Channel. You can get there easily using the address <https://bit.ly/SJyoutube>. The SJ Church App created by Subsplash introduced a couple years ago will no longer be available either for streamed services or for giving contributions. Please subscribe to the St. John's New Ulm YouTube Channel. This costs nothing, yet will provide notifications when we post a new service. Those using "The SJ Church App" for contributions are asked to find another way to support St. John's. Many are using their banking "Bill Pay" feature to send contributions regularly. Thank you for your support of St. John's ministries using electronic funds transfers.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ammo Can in the Narthex? ~ As Memorial Day approaches, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) seeks donations to provide Christ-centered resources to our military men, women, and their families. LMSG is a WELS and ELS affiliated ministry that provides support to Lutheran military members and veterans who experience post-traumatic stress and other combat related symptoms, financial support to veterans pursuing public ministry, and professional development for WELS Military Contact pastors and laypersons. By placing your gift in the Ammo Can located in the new narthex you are supporting our ministry to the military. Questions? See Brad Price or visit www.LutheranMilitary.org. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with those who serve our nation!

Preschool Registration at St. Paul's School ~ St. Paul's Preschool, New Ulm, now taking applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Visit <https://splnewulm.org/school/preschool/> for more information or to apply. We are excited to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-old!

St. Paul's Preschool "Cleaning Party!" ~ You are invited to St. Paul's Preschool "Cleaning Party"! Thursday, June 15, 2023, 9 am - 11:30 am. It involves wiping down tables, chairs and shelves; washing toys; chatting while working; and lunch to follow! Please RSVP to preschool@splnewulm.org if you think you will be able to be there, so we have enough lunch.

Luther Prep Summer Camps ~ Luther Prep is excited to offer a variety of day camps and overnight camps for various sports AND for the 3rd year in a row our Phoenix Adventure Camp! We hope to see many of your children join us! Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details & registration info!

Lutheran Pioneer Girl Camps ~ Lutheran Girl Pioneers are for girls who have complete 3rd grade through 12th grade. The LGP District Camp is Thursday, June 15 - Saturday, June 17th at Flandrau State Park Group Camp. The Pioneer Day Camp is Thursday, June 22. More information can be found in the narthex.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's School job openings: two *paraprofessional* positions, contact the school or church for application; *assistant teacher* in the preschool rooms, contact Heidi Meyer for more information and an application at preschool@splnewulm.org; people 18-years-old or older to work at their *Raiders' Summer Care program*, can contact Tim Plocher at 507-441-1664 or ascsummer@splnewulm.org. Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a study hall supervisor for the 2023-24 school year. Interested individuals should contact Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org for more information.

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About the Cover ~ On the day of Pentecost God sent his Spirit to give his disciples clarity. They understood what Jesus had really come to do: to win forgiveness of sins by his life and death. But the Holy Spirit also gave them special gifts and abilities to carry out their work of sharing the message. The Holy Spirit still gives spiritual gifts and abilities to his people to help us to do the work he's given us to do.